

	No Impact	Less Than Significant Impact	Mitigation Identified	No Mitigation Identified--EIR	Insufficient Data
1. Change in the diversity of species, or number of any species of plants (including trees, shrubs, grass, crops, and aquatic plants)?					X
2. Reduction of the numbers of any unique, rare, or endangered species of plants?					X
3. Introduction of new species of plants into an area, or in a barrier to the normal replenishment of existing species?					X
4. Reduction in acreage of any agricultural crop?	X				

Explanation:

1.) Changes in the abundance and make up of the marine plant community have already taken place due to the impact of species introduced in the ballast water of ships. Such introductions, or damage as a result of spills, will continue to have the potential to occur if the lease is renewed. Without further biologic surveys at the site, it is impossible to determine specifically which species would be impacted at the Marine Terminal itself.

2.) If the lease is renewed, then unique, rare and endangered plant species at the Marine Terminal site will continue to face potential reductions due to accident. Until the site is surveyed for these species, it is impossible to determine which are at risk.

3.) Continued ship traffic from other areas will continue the threat of introducing new species to the project area. If the lease were not renewed, there would be some reduction in the threat, as petroleum products to the Shore Terminals facility would be delivered by means other than ship. Large volumes of traffic would still exist, however, as ships transited to other Marine Terminals throughout the estuary.

4.) The renewal of the lease would have no impact on agricultural crops, as there are none grown in or adjacent to the site.

Discussion:

Plant life to be considered at the Marine Terminal consists of both those in the water around the wharf and the communities living on or near the shore. There is considerable generic